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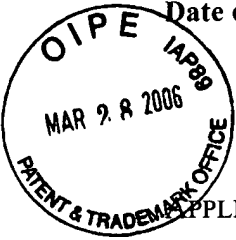
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

1. Response to March 20, 2006 Office Action (1 pg.); and
2. Return Postcard.

Although Applicants believe that no additional fees are due in connection with this submission, the Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 24299-519. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO MARCH 20, 2006 OFFICE ACTION

This paper is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed March 20, 2006 (the "Notice"). The Notice indicates that the amendment document filed March 3, 2006 was non-compliant because claims 41 and 42 were not listed in the listing of claims accompanying the March 3, 2006 filing. Applicants disagree. Claims 41 and 42 were newly added in the Amendment and Response to the Final Office action mailed September 6, 2005, which was filed on December 22, 2005. However, in an Advisory Action mailed February 21, 2006, the Examiner indicated that the proposed amendments were not entered. Thus, claims 41 and 42 should not have been and were not included in the March 3, 2006 filing. Applicants request withdrawal of the Notice and submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

With no extension of time, this Response is due on or before April 20, 2006. No fee is believed due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 24299-519.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Ivor R. Elfi".

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